

The Applicant hereby makes the following additional information of record in the above-identified application.

The Applicant would like to bring to the Examiner's attention the following co-pending applications that may contain subject matter related to this application:

|        | <u>Serial No.</u> | <u>Filing Date</u> | <u>Inventor(s)</u>       |
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| /C.N./ | 10/542,193        | 07/14/2005         | Masahiro Morooka         |
| /C.N./ | 10/543,050        | 07/21/2005         | Kenichi Ishibashi et al. |

**PART III: Remarks**

Documents cited anywhere in the Information Disclosure Statement are enclosed unless otherwise indicated. It is respectfully requested that:

1. The Examiner consider completely the cited information, along with any other information, in reaching a determination concerning the patentability of the present claims;
2. The enclosed form PTO-1449 (modified PTO/SB/08) be signed by the Examiner to evidence that the cited information has been fully considered by the Patent and Trademark Office during the examination of this application;
3. The citations for the information be printed on any patent which issues from this application.

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Notwithstanding any statements by the Applicant, the Examiner is urged to form his or her own conclusion regarding the relevance of the cited information.

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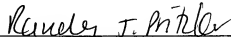
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An early and favorable action is hereby requested.

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